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Attorney Docket No.: 2001_1207A

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Title: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3. Specification *(preferred arrangement set forth below)*

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) *(35 USC 113)* *(Total Sheets: 31)*

5. Oath or Declaration *(Total Pages : 3)*

- a.1. Newly executed (original or copy)
- a.2. Unexecuted
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer program *(Appendix)*

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
- c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

✓ 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
 Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other **CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Prior Application Information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit _____

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Respectfully submitted,

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